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Subject: RE: Hi Mike - Request for comment from CBS News - DDT site and research
Attachments: Draft CBS News Response v2 JC.docx

I made a few minor edits to John's draft. Would appreciate OPA or others review for readability.

Thanks, John

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Folks

I have taken a shot at pretty directly addressing the reporter's question – see what you think.

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Here's a draft reply for review.

John

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Good afternoon!

We received the below inquiry from a reporter at CBS News. It seems that we could perhaps reuse/repurpose some of the language from the Sen. Feinstein response letter/LA Times inquiry, if I'm not mistaken?

I think we could also clarify that the work that has been done "to help mitigate the impact of the sewage outflow damage from the 20th century close to shore" is EPA's work (through Superfund), but as always I defer to you experts. The reporter's deadline is COB Thursday.

Thank you!

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Hi Mike,

My name is Jeff Berardelli. I work on environmental stories for CBS News. Nice to virtually meet you.

My team is covering the new interest in the DDT site/s off the LA coast. We are looking for a statement on this.

Specifically, we realize that work has been done through NOAA to help mitigate the impact of the sewage outflow damage from the 20th century close to shore. But it seems many decades went by without the deeper disposal site/s for the toxic barrels even being looked into to understand the extent of the possible contamination, let alone work to try to clean it up.

So, we are curious why there has been such a long delay to get working on this portion of the contamination? And we see that NOAA and Scripps are out there right now studying the bottom... what do you hope to accomplish and what are the next steps? Any chance EPA or the government agencies will take a step to clean this up soon?

Thank you,

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